

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-53 were originally filed in this patent application. In the pending office action, claims 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30, 44, 45, 52 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 1-9, 12-15, 18-22, 25-28, 31-43 and 46-51 were allowed. In this amendment, claims 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30, 44, 45, 52 and 53 have been amended. Claims 1-53 are currently pending.

REMARKS

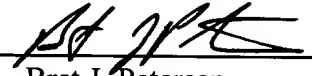
Rejection of claims 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30, 44, 45, 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30, 44, 45, 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In response Applicant has amended the rejected claims to correct the antecedent basis problem identified by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicants' claims presently on file. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that all of applicants' claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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